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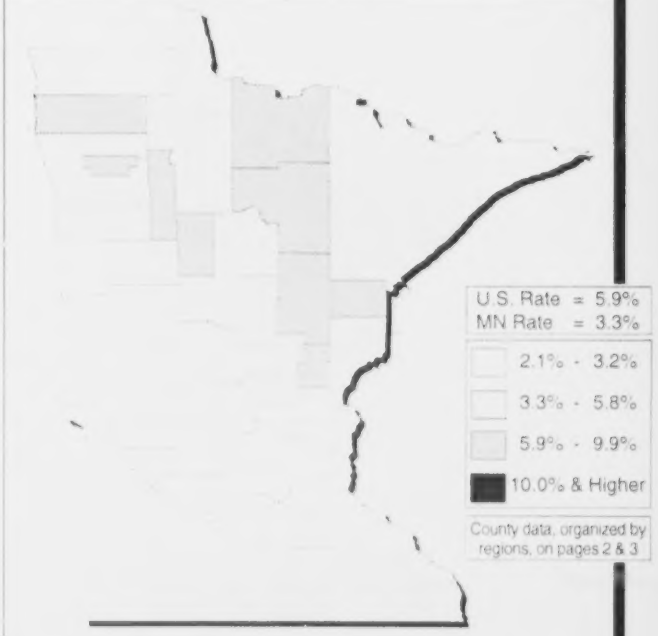
Minnesota's Unemployment Rate Up Slightly in August

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one tenth of a percentage point in August, to 3.6 percent from 3.5 percent (revised) in July. The rate is still down significantly from 5.1 percent a year ago. National rates were 6.1 percent in August compared with 6.7 percent in August 1993.

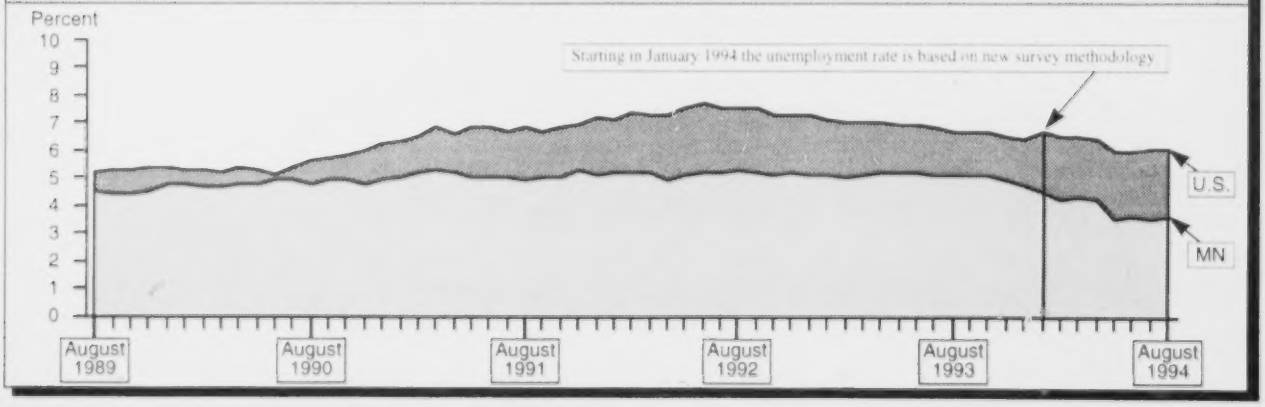
The state's unadjusted unemployment rate went up by the same margin to 3.3 percent in August, down from 4.8 percent a year ago. The comparable national rates declined to 5.9 percent in August, down from 6.2 percent in July and 6.5 percent a year ago.

The Arrowhead region remained the highest in August with an average unemployment rate of 5.7 percent, up from 5.5 percent in July. The region surrounding Mankato had the lowest average rate at 2.8 percent, down from 2.9 percent in July. Itasca County was highest among the counties at 9.1 percent, while Redwood County was lowest at 2.1 percent.

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
August 1994
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN
(Seasonally Adjusted)



Labor Force Estimates

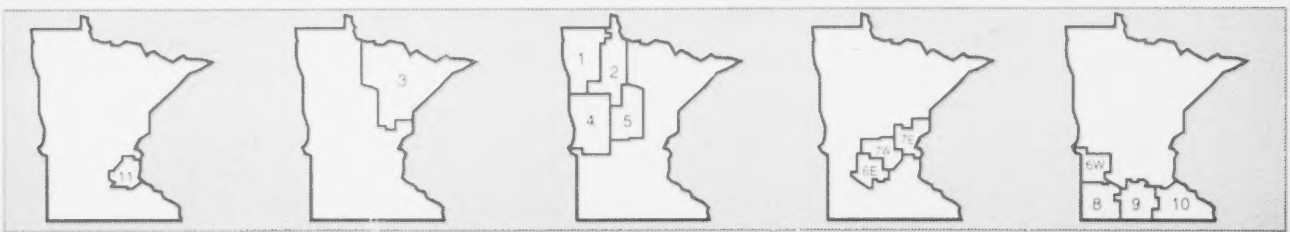
County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	131,189	130,457	128,334	123,166	122,452	119,692	8,023	8,005	8,642	6.1	6.1	6.7
(Unadjusted)	132,361	132,783	129,472	124,493	124,503	121,002	7,868	8,281	8,470	5.9	6.2	6.5
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,547,106	2,516,076	2,469,459	2,455,554	2,428,918	2,343,834	91,552	87,158	125,625	3.6	3.5	5.1
(Unadjusted)	2,565,601	2,556,114	2,490,767	2,480,681	2,474,674	2,371,456	84,920	81,440	119,311	3.3	3.2	4.8
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,574,545	1,575,388	1,529,376	1,528,972	1,532,241	1,463,131	45,573	43,147	66,245	2.9	2.7	4.3
Duluth-Superior MSA	118,349	119,179	117,019	112,024	113,081	109,189	6,325	6,098	7,830	5.3	5.1	6.7
St. Cloud MSA	89,269	88,882	85,277	86,063	85,888	81,104	3,206	2,994	4,173	3.6	3.4	4.9
Rochester MSA	66,241	66,197	64,594	64,408	64,469	62,757	1,833	1,728	1,837	2.8	2.6	2.8
Grand Forks MSA	68,337	68,591	65,120	66,289	66,289	62,453	2,048	2,302	2,667	3.0	3.4	4.1
Fargo-Moorhead MSA	92,756	92,763	90,114	90,535	90,640	87,299	2,221	2,123	2,815	2.4	2.3	3.1
Region 1	50,343	49,770	47,936	48,079	47,535	45,057	2,264	2,235	2,879	4.5	4.5	6.0
Kittson	2,590	2,464	2,525	2,465	2,351	2,374	125	113	151	4.8	4.6	6.0
Marshall	4,682	4,568	4,694	4,342	4,223	4,246	340	345	448	7.3	7.6	9.5
Norman	3,503	3,422	3,279	3,330	3,267	3,061	173	155	218	4.9	4.5	6.6
Pennington	8,037	7,781	7,183	7,727	7,483	6,745	310	298	438	3.9	3.8	6.1
Polk	21,152	21,286	20,324	20,256	20,352	19,255	896	934	1,069	4.2	4.4	5.3
Red Lake	2,024	1,962	1,936	1,846	1,787	1,701	178	175	235	8.8	8.9	12.1
Roseau	8,355	8,287	7,995	8,113	8,072	7,675	242	215	320	2.9	2.6	4.0
Region 2	33,529	33,550	32,461	31,636	31,813	29,937	1,893	1,737	2,524	5.6	5.2	7.8
Beltrami	16,977	17,196	16,575	16,134	16,311	15,460	843	885	1,115	5.0	5.1	6.7
Clearwater	3,668	3,647	3,628	3,338	3,318	3,143	330	329	485	9.0	9.0	13.4
Hubbard	7,185	7,101	7,047	6,731	6,805	6,450	454	296	597	6.3	4.2	8.5
Lake of the Woods	2,275	2,238	2,138	2,187	2,176	2,070	88	62	68	3.9	2.8	3.2
Mahnomen	3,424	3,368	3,073	3,246	3,203	2,814	178	165	259	5.2	4.9	8.4
Region 3	151,926	151,910	150,403	143,196	143,406	139,211	8,730	8,504	11,192	5.7	5.6	7.4
Aitkin	5,599	5,594	5,330	5,225	5,228	4,828	374	366	502	6.7	6.5	9.4
Carlton	15,522	15,508	14,617	14,570	14,641	13,545	952	867	1,072	6.1	5.6	7.3
Cook	3,145	3,059	3,020	3,052	2,973	2,925	93	86	95	3.0	2.8	3.1
Itasca	18,515	17,994	19,009	16,828	16,279	16,937	1,687	1,715	2,072	9.1	9.5	10.9
Koochiching	6,389	6,423	6,630	5,952	5,942	6,007	437	481	623	6.8	7.5	9.4
Lake	5,514	5,596	5,533	5,293	5,373	5,182	221	223	351	4.0	4.0	6.3
St. Louis	97,242	97,736	96,264	92,276	92,970	89,787	4,966	4,766	6,477	5.1	4.9	6.7
City of Duluth	43,185	43,336	42,308	41,044	41,353	39,937	2,141	1,983	2,371	5.0	4.6	5.6
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	54,057	54,400	53,956	51,232	51,617	49,850	2,825	2,783	4,106	5.2	5.1	7.6
Region 4	104,945	103,739	98,305	101,372	100,218	93,144	3,573	3,521	5,161	3.4	3.4	5.2
Becker	13,871	13,311	12,149	13,100	12,618	10,982	771	693	1,167	5.6	5.2	9.6
Clay	28,351	28,559	27,982	27,580	27,743	26,833	771	816	1,149	2.7	2.9	4.1
Douglas	15,856	15,549	15,038	15,406	15,039	14,370	450	510	668	2.8	3.3	4.4
Grant	3,235	3,159	2,859	3,133	3,074	2,714	102	85	145	3.2	2.7	5.1
Otter Tail	27,384	27,060	24,790	26,411	26,132	23,376	973	928	1,414	3.6	3.4	5.7
Pope	5,401	5,202	5,350	5,225	5,052	5,093	176	150	257	3.3	2.9	4.8
Stevens	5,158	5,171	4,915	5,043	5,039	4,766	115	132	149	2.2	2.6	3.0
Traverse	1,968	1,912	1,680	1,898	1,854	1,576	70	58	104	3.6	3.0	6.2
Wilkin	3,721	3,816	3,542	3,576	3,667	3,434	145	149	108	3.9	3.9	3.0
Region 5	69,636	69,281	66,001	66,254	66,192	61,658	3,382	3,089	4,343	4.9	4.5	6.6
Cass	11,315	11,339	10,842	10,675	10,735	9,946	640	604	896	5.7	5.3	8.3
Crow Wing	26,414	26,444	25,026	25,303	25,446	23,574	1,111	998	1,452	4.2	3.8	5.8
Morrison	14,908	14,673	14,021	14,126	13,951	13,005	782	722	1,016	5.2	4.9	7.2
Todd	10,911	10,732	10,278	10,343	10,227	9,633	568	505	645	5.2	4.7	6.3
Wadena	6,088	6,093	5,834	5,807	5,833	5,500	281	260	334	4.6	4.3	5.7
Region 6E	58,790	58,212	57,999	56,750	55,955	54,939	2,040	2,257	3,060	3.5	3.9	5.3
Kandiyohi	20,140	20,106	19,652	19,562	19,472	18,837	578	634	815	2.9	3.2	4.1
McLeod	20,865	20,869	20,113	20,230	20,067	19,059	635	802	1,054	3.0	3.8	5.2
Meeker	9,798	9,467	9,342	9,384	9,059	8,740	414	408	602	4.2	4.3	6.4
Renville	7,987	7,770	8,892	7,574	7,357	8,303	413	413	589	5.2	5.3	6.6
Region 6W	24,218	23,841	23,567	23,368	23,075	22,478	850	766	1,089	3.5	3.2	4.6
Big Stone	2,932	2,853	2,788	2,832	2,765	2,661	100	88	127	3.4	3.1	4.6
Chippewa	6,327	6,414	5,945	6,076	6,191	5,673	251	223	272	4.0	3.5	4.6
Lac Qui Parle	4,115	3,970	3,789	3,999	3,867	3,614	116	103	175	2.8	2.6	4.6
Swift	5,110	4,972	4,750	4,925	4,796	4,530	185	176	220	3.6	3.5	4.6
Yellow Medicine	5,734	5,632	6,295	5,536	5,456	6,000	198	176	295	3.5	3.1	4.7

* Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Sherburne County and Pierce County in Wisconsin.
St. Cloud Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is now comprised of Benton and Stearns counties.

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
Region 7E	59,290	59,008	59,763	56,789	56,624	56,152	2,501	2,384	3,611	4.2	4.0	6.0
Chisago	16,630	16,635	16,294	16,103	16,132	15,405	527	503	889	3.2	3.0	5.5
Isanti	13,803	13,840	13,507	13,369	13,393	12,790	434	447	717	3.1	3.2	5.3
Kanabec	6,702	6,545	6,831	6,306	6,190	6,264	396	355	567	5.9	5.4	8.3
Mille Lacs	10,565	10,428	10,955	10,069	9,966	10,334	496	462	621	4.7	4.4	5.7
Pine	11,590	11,560	12,176	10,942	10,943	11,359	648	617	817	5.6	5.3	6.7
Region 7W	154,207	153,863	148,727	149,242	149,181	141,545	4,965	4,682	7,182	3.2	3.0	4.8
Benton	18,334	18,302	17,643	17,728	17,692	16,707	606	610	936	3.3	3.3	5.3
Sherburne	24,881	24,944	24,414	24,232	24,276	23,182	649	668	1,232	2.6	2.7	5.0
Stearns	70,935	70,580	67,634	68,335	68,196	64,397	2,600	2,384	3,237	3.7	3.4	4.8
Wright	40,057	40,037	39,036	38,947	39,017	37,259	1,110	1,020	1,777	2.8	2.5	4.6
Region 8	66,616	64,744	62,727	64,612	62,463	59,690	2,004	2,281	3,037	3.0	3.5	4.8
Cottonwood	6,461	6,105	6,156	6,137	5,593	5,541	324	512	615	5.0	8.4	10.0
Jackson	6,234	6,101	5,716	5,957	5,777	5,304	277	324	412	4.4	5.3	7.2
Lincoln	3,469	3,344	3,004	3,366	3,240	2,892	103	104	112	3.0	3.1	3.7
Lyon	14,739	14,443	14,808	14,389	14,051	14,364	350	392	444	2.4	2.7	3.0
Murray	4,798	4,711	4,560	4,648	4,500	4,329	150	211	231	3.1	4.5	5.1
Nobles	10,491	10,260	10,245	10,170	9,948	9,781	321	312	464	3.1	3.0	4.5
Pipestone	5,259	5,053	4,856	5,124	4,948	4,632	135	105	224	2.6	2.1	4.6
Redwood	10,106	9,744	8,789	9,890	9,535	8,377	216	209	412	2.1	2.1	4.7
Rock	5,059	4,983	4,593	4,931	4,871	4,470	128	112	123	2.5	2.2	2.7
Region 9	119,464	117,880	117,644	116,104	114,448	112,306	3,360	3,432	5,338	2.8	2.9	4.5
Blue Earth	31,817	31,736	31,128	31,051	30,969	30,105	766	767	1,023	2.4	2.4	3.3
Brown	15,130	14,887	14,745	14,724	14,496	14,090	406	391	655	2.7	2.6	4.4
Faribault	8,695	8,122	8,705	8,387	7,857	8,297	308	265	408	3.5	3.3	4.7
Le Sueur	12,757	12,810	12,643	12,439	12,406	12,060	318	404	583	2.5	3.2	4.6
Martin	11,514	11,271	11,225	11,114	10,846	10,390	400	425	835	3.5	3.8	7.4
Nicollet	17,129	17,066	16,831	16,722	16,678	16,212	407	388	619	2.4	2.3	3.7
Sibley	7,320	6,987	7,035	7,049	6,676	6,571	271	311	464	3.7	4.5	6.6
Waseca	9,224	9,177	9,489	8,919	8,886	9,025	305	291	464	3.3	3.2	4.9
Watonwan	5,878	5,824	5,843	5,699	5,634	5,556	179	190	287	3.0	3.3	4.9
Region 10	242,746	240,303	236,700	234,545	232,525	226,812	8,201	7,778	9,888	3.4	3.2	4.2
Dodge	9,391	9,292	8,616	8,997	8,934	8,206	394	358	410	4.2	3.9	4.8
Fillmore	10,474	10,112	9,885	10,110	9,754	9,383	364	358	502	3.5	3.5	5.1
Freeborn	16,015	15,732	17,473	15,088	14,794	16,501	927	938	972	5.8	6.0	5.6
Goodhue	24,400	24,012	23,988	23,618	23,240	22,912	782	772	1,076	3.2	3.2	4.5
Houston	10,445	10,523	10,044	10,219	10,222	9,697	226	301	347	2.2	2.9	3.5
Mower	18,791	18,723	18,258	18,195	18,157	17,534	596	566	724	3.2	3.0	4.0
Olmsted	66,241	66,197	64,594	64,408	64,469	62,757	1,833	1,728	1,837	2.8	2.6	2.8
City of Rochester	44,537	44,478	43,388	43,114	43,155	42,009	1,423	1,323	1,379	3.2	3.0	3.2
Rice	28,108	27,901	27,724	27,022	26,921	26,290	1,086	980	1,434	3.9	3.5	5.2
Steele	18,420	18,074	17,339	17,834	17,500	16,584	586	574	755	3.2	3.2	4.4
Wabasha	11,910	11,682	10,908	11,536	11,319	10,483	374	363	425	3.1	3.1	3.9
Winona	28,551	28,055	27,871	27,518	27,215	26,465	1,033	840	1,406	3.6	3.0	5.0
Region 11	1,429,896	1,430,003	1,388,537	1,388,733	1,391,235	1,328,530	41,163	38,768	60,007	2.9	2.7	4.3
Anoka	157,983	158,040	153,852	153,362	153,638	146,714	4,621	4,402	7,138	2.9	2.8	4.6
Carver	31,363	31,424	30,326	30,675	30,731	29,346	688	693	980	2.2	2.2	3.2
Dakota	184,080	184,032	178,005	179,194	179,516	171,425	4,886	4,516	6,580	2.7	2.5	3.7
Hennepin	645,091	644,696	627,461	625,392	626,518	598,280	19,699	18,178	29,181	3.1	2.8	4.7
City of Bloomington	57,167	57,147	55,431	55,470	55,570	53,066	1,697	1,577	2,365	3.0	2.8	4.3
City of Minneapolis	213,390	213,206	207,989	205,663	206,034	196,747	7,727	7,172	11,242	3.6	3.4	5.4
Ramsey	282,070	282,280	273,527	273,912	274,406	262,038	8,158	7,874	11,489	2.9	2.8	4.2
City of St. Paul	147,865	147,862	143,602	142,622	142,880	136,440	5,243	4,982	7,162	3.5	3.4	5.0
Scott	36,892	36,912	35,760	35,911	35,976	34,354	981	936	1,406	2.7	2.5	3.9
Washington	92,417	92,619	89,606	90,287	90,450	86,373	2,130	2,169	3,233	2.3	2.3	3.6

Note: State, regional and local estimates from past months (all tables) may be revised from figures previously published.



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Minnesota's 2.9 percent Annual Growth in August . . . Slightly Better Than the Nation

- **U.S.** total nonfarm payroll employment was up 2.8 percent from August 1993, a gain of 3,064,000 jobs over the year. Over a third of these new jobs (1,577,000) were in the services group of industries. The robust pace of growth in the component industries that make up the services group continues with a gain of 708,000 new jobs in business services, and 273,600 jobs in health services. Within business services there were 443,500 jobs created in personnel supply services (primarily temporary help agencies) over the year. Healthy growth in retail trade continues with 617,000 new jobs and manufacturing generated 131,000 jobs since last August (almost one-tenth of the manufacturing jobs were in Minnesota).

- **Minnesota** grew by 65,000 jobs since August 1993, or a 2.9 percent annual increase in nonagricultural employment. All major industrial categories gained jobs over the year, with services leading at 25,400 new jobs. Trade had 14,500 new jobs and manufacturing had 12,700 more jobs than August of last year. Due to a good harvest so far this year, compared to last year's harvest with the floods, employment at canning companies is up 2,200 jobs from last August.

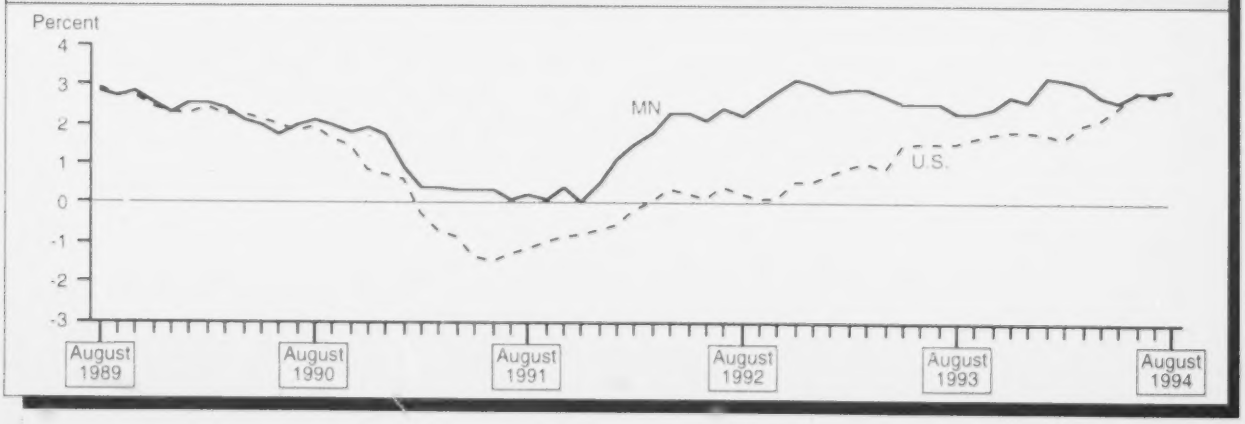
- The **Twin Cities** area accounted for more than half of the state's new jobs (37,000) with annual growth at 2.5 percent. Services grew by 13,800 jobs, while trade grew by 9,600 jobs. Within services, amusement and recreation services (+3,200), temporary help agencies (+2,200), and health services (+2,000) all posted large gains over the year.

- The **Grand Forks-East Grand Forks** area had the highest annual rate of growth among the metropolitan areas with a 3.5 percent increase (1,550 new jobs), followed by the **St. Cloud** area with 2.9 percent growth (2,100 jobs) since last August.

- The **Duluth-Superior** area posted a modest overall annual gain of 800 new jobs (+0.8 percent), however, mining gained 1,000 jobs with the reopening of a major taconite facility. Transportation and eating and drinking establishments lost 350 and 300 jobs respectively, over the year.

- The **Fargo-Moorhead** area grew by 550 jobs since August 1993, a gain of 0.7 percent. Most of the gains occurred in construction. The **Rochester** area lost nearly 200 jobs since last year. Major layoffs in manufacturing and health services have negated growth in trade, and finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE).

Total Nonfarm Jobs: U.S. and MN
Percent Change From Year Ago



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,306.6	2,300.5	2,241.5	0.3	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	526.9	519.8	510.6	1.4	3.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	8.6	8.2	7.0	5.5	23.3	720.51	650.42	43.8	42.4	16.45	15.34
Metal Mining	6.5	6.0	5.0	8.3	30.8	732.20	661.38	43.3	40.7	16.91	16.25
Construction	93.3	91.7	91.3	1.7	2.2	739.53	726.38	40.5	40.9	18.26	17.76
Manufacturing	425.0	419.9	412.3	1.2	3.1	510.06	496.92	41.2	41.0	12.38	12.12
Durable Goods	240.5	238.5	233.8	0.9	2.9	524.95	509.23	41.4	41.2	12.68	12.36
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	26.1	26.0	24.7	0.4	5.8	550.04	534.76	39.8	39.7	13.82	13.47
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	9.3	9.3	9.1	0.1	2.4	585.65	593.64	44.3	45.7	13.22	12.99
Primary Metals	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.8	7.8	575.92	573.32	43.4	44.0	13.27	13.03
Fabricated Metals	31.4	31.0	31.8	1.3	-1.3	585.61	555.90	42.1	41.3	13.91	13.46
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	77.6	76.8	76.2	1.0	1.8	563.88	555.55	41.8	41.0	13.49	13.55
Computer and Office Equipment	30.9	30.7	31.5	0.5	-2.0	587.29	666.20	41.8	41.2	14.05	16.17
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	32.0	31.9	30.9	0.3	3.4	416.64	407.95	40.1	41.0	10.39	9.95
Transportation Equipment	13.0	12.9	11.8	0.4	10.2	528.30	498.07	42.4	42.9	12.46	11.61
Instruments and Related Products	34.8	34.6	35.0	0.7	-0.4	459.91	452.58	41.1	40.7	11.19	11.12
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.8	9.7	8.2	0.6	18.5	436.97	409.51	40.2	39.3	10.87	10.42
Nondurable Goods	184.5	181.4	178.5	1.7	3.3	490.80	479.89	40.9	40.6	12.00	11.82
Food and Beverage Products	56.2	53.3	54.2	5.3	3.8	427.85	418.77	41.1	40.5	10.41	10.34
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.4	-0.1	354.37	350.22	39.2	39.0	9.04	8.98
Paper and Allied Products	33.8	33.7	33.5	0.1	0.8	620.34	612.08	42.2	42.3	14.70	14.47
Printing and Publishing	55.6	55.6	53.2	0.2	4.6	479.11	463.63	38.7	38.7	12.38	11.98
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	13.4	13.3	13.2	0.4	1.6	695.38	684.20	43.9	44.0	15.84	15.55
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	20.1	20.1	19.1	0.0	5.3	456.60	449.19	42.2	41.4	10.82	10.85
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,779.6	1,780.7	1,730.9	-0.1	2.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	107.5	109.0	107.3	-1.4	0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	72.8	74.4	72.9	-2.2	-0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	28.8	28.9	29.0	-0.2	-0.5	433.29	421.73	39.0	36.8	11.11	11.46
Communications and Utilities	34.7	34.6	34.4	0.2	1.1	661.64	699.54	37.7	39.3	17.55	17.80
Trade	557.8	553.8	543.4	0.7	2.7	279.33	279.63	30.1	30.1	9.28	9.29
Wholesale Trade	137.5	136.8	132.7	0.5	3.6	474.44	467.26	38.2	38.3	12.42	12.20
Retail Trade	420.3	416.9	410.6	0.8	2.4	219.97	223.28	27.6	27.6	7.97	8.09
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	19.2	19.2	18.2	-0.1	5.4	339.35	366.72	33.8	35.5	10.04	10.33
General Merchandise Stores	56.2	55.6	55.2	0.9	1.7	228.64	226.88	29.2	29.2	7.83	7.77
Food Stores	57.0	57.2	56.6	-0.4	0.7	250.25	264.91	28.6	29.5	8.75	8.98
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	46.1	46.1	44.8	0.1	2.9	338.91	354.29	35.6	35.5	9.52	9.98
Apparel and Accessories Stores	20.4	19.8	19.8	3.2	3.2	176.90	164.74	25.6	25.7	6.91	6.41
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	17.5	17.2	16.3	1.9	7.6	329.67	342.68	32.1	33.4	10.27	10.26
Eating and Drinking Places	146.4	144.9	143.9	1.0	1.7	140.51	140.12	22.7	22.6	6.19	6.20
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	139.8	139.9	137.4	-0.1	1.7						
Finance	63.6	63.8	61.9	-0.3	2.6						
Insurance	52.9	53.0	52.3	-0.1	1.3						
Real Estate	23.3	23.2	23.2	0.5	0.2						
Services	648.4	645.3	623.1	0.5	4.1						
Personal Services	24.2	23.7	23.9	2.2	1.5						
Business Service	122.7	121.7	113.4	0.8	8.2						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.2	24.3	23.4	-0.4	3.3						
Health Services	187.2	186.6	184.7	0.3	1.3						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	48.3	48.0	46.8	0.8	3.3						
Hospitals	55.5	55.5	56.3	0.0	-1.4						
Legal Services	16.6	16.6	16.5	-0.1	0.6						
Private Educational Services	26.2	26.0	26.1	0.7	0.3						
Government	326.1	332.7	319.7	-2.0	2.0						
Federal Government	34.1	34.3	34.0	-0.4	0.3						
State Government	73.6	74.4	72.6	-1.1	1.4						
State Government Education	34.9	35.9	34.7	-2.7	0.7						
Local Government	218.4	224.1	213.1	-2.5	2.5						
Local Government Education	98.9	103.9	96.0	-4.8	3.0						

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Aug 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,490.4	1,488.4	1,453.5	0.1	2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	327.3	325.2	323.2	0.6	1.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	-5.3	5.5	823.47	882.54	44.9	48.2	18.34	18.31
Construction	55.0	54.5	54.4	1.0	1.0	766.21	778.94	37.8	39.5	20.27	19.72
Manufacturing	271.8	270.2	268.3	0.6	1.3	552.18	535.66	41.8	41.3	13.21	12.97
Durable Goods	157.5	156.6	155.6	0.6	1.2	569.19	551.45	42.1	41.4	13.52	13.32
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	10.8	10.8	10.1	0.8	7.1	625.86	605.97	40.3	39.4	15.53	15.38
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.1	5.9	655.66	737.57	45.5	46.8	14.41	15.76
Primary Metals	4.9	4.8	4.7	3.1	5.9	614.56	582.99	46.0	44.3	13.36	13.16
Fabricated Metals	23.6	23.3	24.1	1.4	-2.0	647.14	606.92	43.2	41.4	14.98	14.66
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	52.2	51.8	52.3	0.8	-0.2	594.52	575.81	41.2	41.1	14.43	14.01
Computer and Office Equipment	18.6	18.6	19.5	-0.1	-4.7	600.92	692.46	36.2	40.4	16.60	17.14
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.7	19.8	18.7	-0.4	5.3	445.59	439.43	41.8	41.3	10.66	10.64
Transportation Equipment	5.4	5.4	5.2	-1.2	3.6	719.10	650.36	45.0	42.9	15.98	15.16
Instruments and Related Products	31.1	31.1	31.2	0.1	-0.4	492.06	486.10	41.7	41.3	11.80	11.77
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	6.1	6.1	5.9	1.3	4.4	479.85	458.10	40.7	39.8	11.79	11.51
Nondurable Goods	114.3	113.6	112.7	0.6	1.4	529.05	514.57	41.3	41.1	12.81	12.52
Food and Beverage Products	19.8	19.6	20.1	0.9	-1.6	513.97	509.80	43.3	44.1	11.87	11.56
Paper and Allied Products	26.4	26.4	26.6	0.2	-0.7	563.75	534.30	41.3	41.1	13.65	13.00
Printing and Publishing	39.9	39.6	38.6	0.7	3.4	494.70	477.98	39.2	38.3	12.62	12.48
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.0	12.0	11.8	0.1	1.5	746.27	734.72	44.5	44.8	16.77	16.40
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	13.0	12.9	12.5	1.0	4.1	488.45	455.63	42.4	40.9	11.52	11.14
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,163.1	1,163.2	1,130.3	0.0	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	76.2	77.4	76.0	-1.5	0.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	54.3	55.4	54.4	-2.0	-0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	18.7	18.7	18.6	-0.3	0.7	472.58	423.81	38.8	35.2	12.18	12.04
Communications and Utilities	22.0	22.0	21.6	-0.1	1.5	672.38	708.70	37.5	38.6	17.93	18.36
Trade	355.7	352.7	346.1	0.8	2.8	312.27	306.90	30.2	30.0	10.34	10.23
Wholesale Trade	89.8	90.1	88.5	-0.3	1.5	529.98	517.43	38.6	38.3	13.73	13.51
Retail Trade	265.9	262.7	257.6	1.2	3.2	246.25	241.73	27.7	27.5	8.89	8.79
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	11.3	11.2	10.2	0.9	11.3	392.26	432.41	32.1	34.9	12.22	12.39
General Merchandise Stores	36.8	36.4	36.3	1.1	1.6	257.22	255.12	29.6	29.7	8.69	8.59
Food Stores	33.2	33.2	32.3	0.0	2.7	290.83	286.06	29.2	30.4	9.96	9.41
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	27.0	26.8	25.7	0.5	5.1	412.56	407.97	36.0	36.2	11.46	11.27
Apparel and Accessories Stores	14.1	13.6	13.9	3.6	2.0	202.49	165.74	28.4	26.1	7.13	6.35
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.6	11.6	11.0	0.0	5.8	424.42	430.08	32.3	34.6	13.14	12.43
Eating and Drinking Places	94.7	93.2	92.0	1.6	2.9	150.08	147.56	22.4	21.7	6.70	6.80
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	111.2	111.2	109.0	0.0	2.0						
Finance	47.9	47.8	46.3	0.0	3.4						
Insurance	44.6	44.8	44.3	-0.3	0.8						
Real Estate	18.7	18.6	18.5	0.7	1.4						
Services	425.9	425.0	412.0	0.2	3.4						
Personal Services	16.7	16.6	16.7	0.5	0.4						
Business Services	100.8	100.2	95.5	0.6	5.5						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.7	17.9	17.1	-0.8	3.8						
Health Services	109.2	109.0	107.2	0.2	1.9						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	26.0	25.9	25.6	0.5	1.8						
Hospitals	33.5	33.5	33.7	-0.1	-0.6						
Legal Services	13.4	13.4	13.3	-0.4	1.0						
Private Educational Services	14.7	14.8	15.2	-0.6	-3.3						
Government	194.1	196.9	187.1	-1.4	3.8						
Federal Government	22.2	22.3	21.8	-0.4	1.7						
State Government	52.2	52.2	50.1	0.0	4.1						
State Government Education	27.3	27.5	25.9	-0.5	5.4						
Local Government	119.7	122.4	115.1	-2.2	4.0						
Local Government Education	58.0	60.4	54.9	-4.0	5.8						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA and Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	St. Cloud MSA					Rochester MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	76,500	76,646	74,379	-0.2	2.9	69,880	69,832	70,073	0.1	-0.3
Goods Producing	18,564	18,533	17,679	0.2	5.0	14,001	13,870	14,498	0.9	-3.4
Construction and Mining	4,070	4,029	3,796	1.0	7.2	2,580	2,513	2,593	2.7	-0.5
Manufacturing	14,494	14,504	13,883	-0.1	4.4	11,421	11,357	11,905	0.6	-4.1
Durable Goods	7,350	7,382	7,053	-0.4	4.2	8,926	9,050	9,726	-1.4	-8.2
Nondurable Goods	7,144	7,122	6,830	0.3	4.6	2,495	2,307	2,179	8.1	14.5
Service Producing	57,936	58,113	56,700	-0.3	2.2	55,879	55,962	55,575	-0.1	0.5
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,844	2,833	2,783	0.4	2.2	1,980	1,980	2,002	0.0	-1.1
Trade	23,849	23,731	23,463	0.5	1.6	14,932	14,904	14,356	0.2	4.0
Wholesale Trade	4,280	4,248	4,050	0.8	5.7	1,853	1,838	1,883	0.8	-1.6
Retail Trade	19,569	19,483	19,413	0.4	0.8	13,079	13,066	12,473	0.1	4.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,425	2,409	2,409	0.7	0.7	1,907	1,896	1,905	0.6	0.1
Services	18,389	18,566	17,973	-1.0	2.3	30,602	30,748	31,046	-0.5	-1.4
Health Services	5,892	5,851	5,845	0.7	0.8	19,787	19,896	20,467	-0.5	-3.3
Other Services	12,497	12,715	12,128	-1.7	3.0	10,815	10,852	10,579	-0.3	2.2
Government	10,429	10,574	10,072	-1.4	3.5	6,458	6,434	6,266	0.4	3.1

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	52,203	52,549	51,714	-0.7	0.9	101,478	102,076	100,680	-0.6	0.8
Goods Producing	5,071	5,061	5,175	0.2	-2.0	18,037	18,043	16,810	0.0	7.3
Mining		Combined with construction				5,433	5,430	4,451	0.1	22.1
Construction	1,862	1,813	1,737	2.7	7.2	4,169	4,155	4,111	0.3	1.4
Manufacturing	3,209	3,248	3,438	-1.2	-6.7	8,435	8,458	8,248	-0.3	2.3
Durable Goods	1,156	1,175	1,353	-1.6	-14.6	4,625	4,622	4,504	0.1	2.7
Nondurable Goods	2,053	2,073	2,085	-1.0	-1.5	3,810	3,836	3,744	-0.7	1.8
Service Producing	47,132	47,488	46,539	-0.7	1.3	83,441	84,033	83,870	-0.7	-0.5
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	3,142	3,164	3,348	-0.7	-6.2	5,981	6,002	6,375	-0.3	-6.2
Trade	13,576	13,610	13,037	-0.2	4.1	26,383	26,479	26,368	-0.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	2,062	2,121	1,884	-2.8	9.4	4,192	4,212	4,127	-0.5	1.6
Retail Trade	11,514	11,489	11,153	0.2	3.2	22,191	22,267	22,241	-0.3	-0.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,300	2,296	2,290	0.2	0.4	3,516	3,494	3,496	0.6	0.6
Services	16,603	16,703	16,594	-0.6	0.1	27,663	27,789	27,628	-0.5	0.1
Health Services	7,306	7,306	7,145	0.0	2.3	11,398	11,424	11,284	-0.2	1.0
Other Services	9,297	9,397	9,449	-1.1	-1.6	16,265	16,365	16,344	-0.6	-0.5
Government	11,511	11,715	11,270	-1.7	2.1	19,898	20,269	20,003	-1.8	-0.5

Employer Survey of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MSA and Fargo/Moorhead MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MSA					Fargo/Moorhead MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Aug 1994	Jul 1994	Aug 1993	Jul 1994	Aug 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	46,000	46,200	44,450	-.04	3.5	84,250	84,800	83,700	-0.6	0.7
Goods Producing	5,750	5,600	5,100	2.7	12.7	12,500	12,700	11,850	-1.6	5.5
Construction and Mining	2,800	2,800	2,300	0.0	21.7	6,200	6,100	6,500	1.6	12.7
Manufacturing	2,950	2,800	2,800	5.4	5.4	6,300	6,600	6,350	-4.5	-0.8
Durable Goods	1,150	1,200	1,050	-4.2	9.5	3,150	3,500	3,100	-10.0	1.6
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,600	1,750	12.5	2.9	3,150	3,100	3,250	1.6	-3.1
Service Producing	40,250	40,600	39,350	-0.9	2.3	71,750	72,100	71,850	-0.5	-0.1
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,300	2,250	2,200	2.2	4.5	4,650	4,650	4,700	0.0	-1.1
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,300	0.0	0.8	24,150	24,350	24,500	-0.8	-1.4
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,300	0.0	8.7	7,300	7,400	7,200	-1.4	1.4
Retail Trade	9,900	9,900	10,000	0.0	-1.0	16,850	16,950	17,300	-0.6	-2.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0	5,450	5,500	5,350	-0.9	1.9
Services	12,800	13,450	12,500	-4.8	2.4	24,150	24,450	23,950	-1.2	0.8
Health Services	4,800	4,800	4,700	0.0	2.1	8,300	8,400	8,700	-1.2	-4.6
Other Services	6,800	7,500	6,700	-9.3	1.5	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0	0.0
Government	11,150	10,900	10,750	2.3	3.7	13,350	13,150	13,350	1.5	0.0

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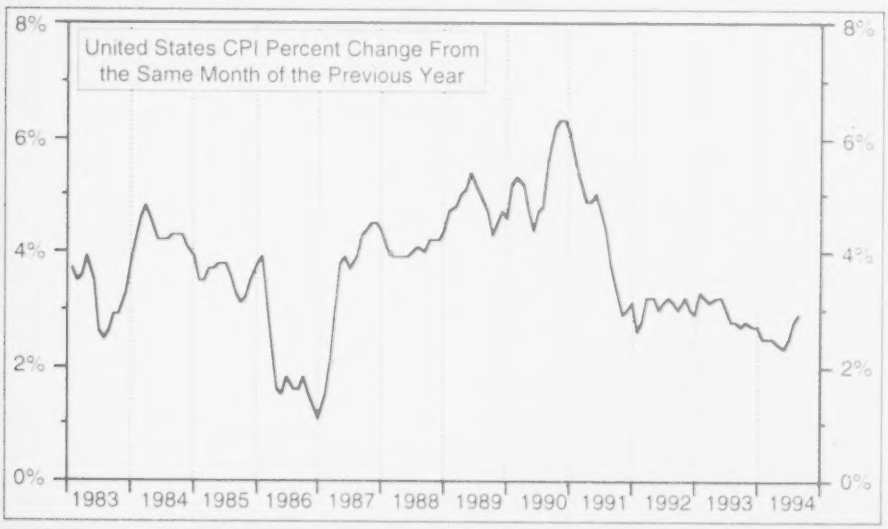
Consumer Price Indexes (CPI)



U.S. CPI % Change From One Year Ago	
1993	
Aug	2.8
Sep	2.7
Oct	2.8
Nov	2.7
Dec	2.7
Annual Average	3.0
1994	
Jan	2.5
Feb	2.5
Mar	2.5
Apr	2.4
May	2.3
Jun	2.5
Jul	2.8
Aug	2.9

The annual change in the U.S. CPI-U in August was up to 2.9 percent, compared to one year ago. This is a slight increase from last month and the highest annual increase so far in 1994.

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